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Port of Messina.

6th September 1918.

Sir,

Being this day rather free am going to Palermo for inspecting the repairs on the following Steamers :-

S.S. "ELVASTON" (now named "LEPANDO")

" ~~"CEREA"~~

" "GALATHEE" (French Steamer)

all damaged by enemies torpedoes.

I believe to be back to Messina on the 9th or 10th instant.

At Messina are under temporary repairs also torpedoed the :-

S.S. "SUNIK"

" "AERADALE"

" "NADERI"

" "BARON MINTO"

" "MONVISO"

shortly come out properly repaired by the Palermo Shipyard.

For all these steamers which depends by Italian and British Admiralty, I had special recommendations by the British Admiralty of Shipping repairs stationed in Rome who have upon me good confidence for making my best to vessels either temporarily or permanently repaired to let them go away in the shortest possible time, also for vessels not registered in the Lloyd's asks my assistance notwithstanding that on vessels assists her own Surveyor.

I hope to be in Naples for 6 or 7 days, and after come back to Messina for inspecting said Steamers but before leaving Naples I shall make my best to send you all reports that have been deferred.

I remain, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd.) Francis Ducoster.



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